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SUBJECT: A SAMPLING OF EVENTS IN NICARAGUA

SUMMARY: DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN EVENTS
THAT ARE SYMPTOMATIC OF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FERMENT IN
NICARAGUA. END SUMMARY.

1. LA PRENSA 28 JULY ISSUE REPORTED THAT THE THREE NICARAGUANS
WERE CAPTURED NEAR HONDURAS BUT WITHIN NICARAGUAN TERRITORY
AND THAT EVERYTHING STEMMED FROM A "FAMILY MATTER" UNRELATED
TO POLITICS. EMB NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT THREE NICARAGUANS
ARRESTED FOR CATTLE RUSTLING AND WERE ARRESTED PURSUANT TO
ORDER BY LOCAL JUDGE. DUE TO POORLY DEFINED BORDER
ARRESTING GN MAY HAVE ACTUALLY CROSSED BORDER. FOR TEGUCIGALPA:
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ONTHIS.

2. ON 29 JULY, THREE FSLN MEMBERS ACCUSED OF INVOLVEMENT
IN THE FEBRUARY RAID ON RIVAS (MANAGUA 0535) WERE FREED BY GON
ON GROUNDS IDENTICAL TO THOSE CITED IN VOIDING THE
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ARREST ORDERS AGAINST "THE TWELVE" (MANAGUA 2803).

3. ON 30 JULY THE CONSTITUTIONALIST LIBERAL MOVEMENT
(MLC), A SPLINTER LIBERAL GROUP HEADED BY RAMIRO SACASA
GUERRERRO, HELD ITS INAUGURAL SESSION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
(SEPTEL), IN ATTENDANCE WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY
MAJOR POLITICAL OPPOSITION GROUP EXCEPT THE FSLN (ALTHOUGH

THIS GROUP WAS PRAISED AND APPLAUDED BY THE GROUP), "THE TWELVE" AND THE AGUERO FACTION OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

4. ON 29 JULY, A BOMB WAS PLACED IN THE GARAGE OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN TIPITAPA. THE RESULTING EXPLOSION CAUSED SOME PROPERTY DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE SAME DAY, ACCORDING TO LA PRENSA, A CIVILIAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY ELEMENTS OF THE GN IN MASAYA. NO DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE YET AVAILABLE.

5. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED IN THEIR 30 JULY EDITIONS THAT, ON 31 JULY, TWO COMMISSIONS WERE TO BEGIN DELIBERATION. THE TWO ARE: A) THE COMMISSION OF "EMMINENT JURISTS" TO ANALYZE THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PDDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO CARDENAL (MANAGUA 3333); B) A MILITARY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL INCIDENT (MANAGUA 3311).
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